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MOSCOW INDUSTRY EXCEEDS FIRST-QUARTER EXPECTATIONS

The Statistics Administration of the City of Moscow and Moscow Oblast have announced results of the first-quarter 1949 plan.

The gross-production plan for the enterprises of individual ministries in Moscow and Moscow Oblast was fulfilled as follows:

Percent

Ministry of Metallurgical Industry	105
Ministry of Coal Industry	107
Ministry of Petroleum Industry	111
Ministry of Electric Power Plants	99.9
Ministry of Chemical Industry	102
Ministry of Electrical Industry	108
Ministry of Communications Equipment Industry	110
Ministry of Heavy Machine Building	105
Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry	103
Ministry of Machine-Tool Building	108
Ministry of Machine and Instrument Building	108
Ministry of Construction and Road-Machine Building	108
Ministry of Transport-Machine Building	106
Ministry of Agricultural-Machine Building	119
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry	111
Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry	111
Ministry of Light Industry	104
Ministry of Fish Industry	103
Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry	114
Ministry of Food Industry	104
Ministry of Local Industry	100.5
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Industrial Cooperatives	101
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The gross-production plan for the first quarter of 1949 for Moscow and Moscow Oblast industry was fulfilled by 105 percent.

Moscow and Moscow Oblast industry exceeded the plan for a significant number of products, including: steel, coal, automobiles, locomotives, tractors, metal-cutting machines, electric motors, excavators, harvesters, mowers, sorters, motorcycles, electric light bulbs, automobile tire inner tubes, sewing machines, cement, bricks, knitted wear, cotton fabric, wool and silk fabrics, and other industrial products.

Production of the most important industrial products in Moscow and Moscow Oblast increased over the first quarter of 1948 as follows:

	1st Quarter 49 in % of 1st Quarter 48
Steel	117
Ball-bearing iron	118
Black copper	112
Copper wire	113
Refined copper	111
Coal	111
Electric power (Ministry of Electric Power Plants)	107
Heat power	113
Main-line locomotives	125
Trolley busses	136
Automobiles	170
Motorcycles	140
Tractors	440
Metal cutting machines (Ministry of Machine-Tool Building)	121
Weaving machines	123
Winding machines	205
Electric motors above 100 kilowatts	170
Voltage transformers	140
Power transformers	134
Selenic rectifiers	184
Electric motors for cranes	138
Bridge cranes	174
Ball bearings	121
Electric light bulbs	122
Home sewing machines	197
Cutting and measuring tools (Ministry of Machine-Tool Building)	137
Harvesters	126
Mowers	123
Sorters	118
Automobile tires	149
Automobile tire inner tubes	132
Conveyor belts	130
Synthetic dyes	125
Natural superphosphate	111
Cement	135
Construction bricks	183
Lime	160
Cotton fabric	134
Wool fabric	127
Silk fabric	123
Hosiery	126
Knitted underwear	138
Leather shoes	125
Rubber shoes	127
Meat	205
Confectionery	126
Macaroni	108

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Gross production of all industry of Moscow and Moscow Oblast in the first-quarter 1949 was 24 percent higher than during the same period of 1948.

Preparations for spring planting were successfully completed in Moscow Oblast during the first quarter of 1949. By 1 April the kolkhozes had secured the necessary seed grain and bean potato, and flax seed. Sowing of perennial crops was 48 percent higher, and annual crops 54 percent higher than on 1 April 1948. The number of tractors used in Moscow Oblast MFSs had increased 27 percent. The tractor-repair plan was fulfilled before scheduled and 35 days earlier than last year.

The number of livestock and livestock productivity continued to grow during the first quarter of 1949. The number of cattle on 1 April 1949 was 25 percent higher than on the same day of 1948, the number of cows was 22 percent higher, and the number of hogs was 66 percent higher.

Eighteen rural power plants were put into use during the first quarter of 1949, including 3 hydroelectric and 15 steam-electric power plants. By 1 April, 412 kolkhozes and 55 threshing points had been electrified. Twenty-five rayons have been completely electrified and 2,574 kolkhozes had been provided with radio facilities.

Capital construction in Moscow and Moscow Oblast during the first quarter of 1949 was 29 percent higher than during the first quarter of 1948. This includes housing construction, which increased 83 percent. Capital construction done under the Moscow Soviet during the first quarter of 1949 was 113 percent of that in the same period of 1948. Of this amount, construction for communal economy and for city transport was 118 percent of that in 1948.

Construction organizations of the Moscow Soviet completed 33 percent more construction and assembly contract work during the first quarter of 1949 than during the corresponding period of 1948. The work of the Administration of Housing Construction increased by 36 percent: Mosgazstroy (Moscow Gas Plant Construction), 43; Mosvodokanalstroy (Moscow Sewerage Construction), 33; and the Administration of Bridge and Road Construction 24 percent.

Gas was supplied for an additional 9,712 residences during the first quarter of 1949, 6,368 of which were supplied by the Moscow Soviet.

The transportation system of Moscow was increased during this period by 40 new streetcars, 10 new subway cars, 36 new trolley busses, 31 new ZIS busses, and 97 new light taxis.

The first-quarter 1949 plan for the various branches of the municipal economy of the Moscow City Soviet was fulfilled as follows: water supply, 99.7 percent; gas supply, 106; transportation of goods by trucks, 105; passenger traffic on all city transport, 104; traffic on trolley busses, 113; and on busses 105 percent. The communal laundry plan was fulfilled 104 percent.

Repair of living quarters by Moscow and Moscow Oblast local Soviets during the first quarter of 1949 amounted to 109 percent of that in the same period of 1948.

Turnover of retail goods in Moscow and Moscow Oblast was 12 percent higher in March 1949 than in January 1949. The sale of consumers' goods significantly increased, such as, meat, fish, butter, groats, confectionery, cotton fabric, wool fabric, garments, hosiery, leather shoes, radios, phonographs, clocks, bicycles, and motorcycles. A further decrease in the prices of cooperative trade of kolkhoz markets took place in connection with the lowering of State prices on 1 March 1949.

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The number of workers employed in Moscow and Moscow Oblast industry increased 10 percent during the first quarter of 1949 in comparison with the corresponding period of 1948. The productivity of labor increased 14 percent for the same comparative periods. Repair and railroad schools and FZO schools prepared more than 6,000 new qualified young workers during the first quarter of 1949.

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